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SUBJ: WORLD PEACE COUNCIL (WPC): GOMR EFFORTS TO HOLD OTHER
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1. MALAGASY DIRECTOR BILATERAL RELATIONS RATSIMANDRESY EXPRESSED APPRECIATION EVEING 27FEB FOR EMBASSY'S AND DEPT'S ATT-EMPTS, ALBEIT UNSUCCESSFUL, TO IDENTIFY SUITABLE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE TO PREEMPT OR COUNTERBALANCE WPC MEETING TANANARIVE, AS HE HAD REQUESTED (REFTEL B). DCM HAD JUST ORALLY GIVEN HIM SUBSTANCE REFTEL A.

2. RATSIMANDRESY THEN STATED PROBLEM HAD GONE AWAY SINCE GOMR HAD DECIDED DENY REQUEST FOR FULL-SCALE WPC MEETING. INSTEAD, ONLY A FEW "EXPERTS" WOULD VISIT FOR SHORT PERIOD.

3. COMMENT: IT QUITE CLEAR RATSIMANDRESY, PERHAPS PARTIALLY ON OWN INITIATIVE BUT ALSO PROBABLY WITH INSTRUCTIONS FROM FONMIN RATSIKAKA, IS TRYING CONVINCE US GOMR SINCERELY ATTEMPTING EVEN-HANDED FOREIGN POLICY VIS-A-VIS WEST AND COMMUNIST COUNTRIES
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DESPITE MUCH PUBLICIZED MALAGASY OPENING TO EAST AND SOLIDARITY WITH SO-CALLED NON-ALIGNED NATIONS.

4. FOREIGN POLICY CONSIDERATION IS PROBABLY ONLY ONE ELEMENT IN GOMR DECISION TO REFUSE PERMISSION HOLD WPC MEETING. DESPITE ALLEGED FULL SUPPORT THAT PRO-SOVIET TANANARIVE MAYOR AND LEADING WPC FIGURE RICHARD ANDRIAMANJATO GIVES GOVT, HE AND HIS AKFM CONTINUE BE HELD IN SUSPICION BY IT. ANOTHER EXAMPLE PRESENT GOVT'S ATTITUDE IS THAT ANDRIAMANJATO SEEMS NO CLOSER TO RETRIEVING THOSE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL POWERS WHICH PREVIOUS REGIME TOOK AWAY AND BESTOWED ON PREFECT. END COMMENT.

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